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1. POST NOMINATES DR. KIM YONG-KWON, NOTED CRITIC AND CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM AT SOGANG UNIVERSITY, FOR CU FUNDED SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL IV GRANT FOR PARTICIPATION SUBJECT CONFERENCE. FIRST KOREAN EVER RECEIVED PH.D. IN AMERICAN STUDIES (UNIV MINNESOTA, 1966), KIM IS A DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF KOREA, AND VICE PRESIDENT, ENGLISH LITERARY SOCIETY OF KOREA. POST NOMINATES PROFESSOR KIM UCHANG, KO EA UNIVERSITY AS ALTERNATE.

2. WHILE SUGGESTED CANDIDATE PROF KIM UCHANG (HE SPELLS NAME THIS WAY RATHER THAN KIM WOO-CHANG) EQUALLY WELL QUALIFIED, HE ATTENDED LAST YEAR'S PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN SPECIALISTS HELD IN FUJINOMIA, JAPAN, AND WILL BE ATTENDING EWC SPONSORED CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL CONVERSIONS OF LITERATURE AND CULTURE TO BE HELD IN HONOLULU, AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 4 THIS YEAR (EWC PAYING ALL EXPENSES FOR KIM INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL). POST CONSIDERS NOMINATION OF KIM YONG-KWON FOR SUBJECT PROJECT BETTER SERVES U.S. INTERESTS UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES AS IT CONTRIBUTES TO POST EFFORTS IN STRENGTHENING DIVERSIFIED CENTERS OF AMERICAN STUDIES IN KOREA AND

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THENING DIVERSIFIED CENTERS OF AMERICAN STUDIES IN KOREA AND

ENCOURAGING SCHOLARS OF AMERICAN STUDIES FROM AS MANY DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS AS POSSIBLE TO HAVE MAXIMUM EXPOSURE AT REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND CONTACTS. THUS POST ANXIOUS HAVE DR. KIM FROM SOGANG PARTICIPATE SMITHSONIAN CONFERENCE SINCE, OF THREE MAIN AMERICAN STUDIES CENTERS - SEOUL NATIONAL, SOGANG, AND KOREA UNIVERSITIES, POST HAS ALREADY MADE MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO SNU THIS YEAR AND KIM UCHANG FROM KOREA UNIVERSITY ATTENDING HONOLULU CONFERENCE. TOGETHER WITH TQ IV KIM KE-SOO, POLITICAL SCIENTIST, KIM YONG-KWON'S PARTICIPATION WILL ENABLE KOREA BE REPRESENTED AT SMITHSONIAN CONFERENCE WITH WELL BALANCED DELEGATION. HOWEVER, POST WILL BE PLEASED IF DEPT ALSO ABLE FUND ALTERNATE CANDIDATE.

3. KIM YONG-KWON: BORN IN TAEGU, KOREA ON OCTOBER 11, 1930. RECEIVED B.A. AND M.A. IN ENGLISH LITERATURE FROM SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, 1954 AND 1957 RESPECTIVELY; PH.D. IN AMERICAN STUDIES FROM UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, 1966. ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND LATER PROFESSOR, SOGANG UNIVERSITY SINCE 1966 (ACADEMIC DEAN, 1969-74); ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DUKSUNG WOMEN'S COLLEGE, 1962-66; EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ASIATIC RESEARCH CENTER, KOREA UNIVERSITY, 1959-60. VISITING FELLOW, YALE UNIVERSITY, AUGUST 1974-JANUARY 1975. CO-AUTHOR OF 19TH CENTURY AMERICAN SOCIETY AND CULTURE, SEOUL, 1973; TRANSLATOR OF THE USE AND ABUSE OF ART BY JACQUES BARZUN, SEOUL, 1976, LOUIS BOGAN'S SCHIEVEMENT IN AMERICAN POETRY, RIESMAN'S LONELY CROWD, ADRIENNE KOCH'S PHILOSOPHY FOR A TIME OF CRISES: AN INTERPRETATION WITH KEY WRITINGS BY FIFTEEN GREAT MODERN THINKERS, AND T.S. ELLIOT'S NOTES TOWARD THE DEFENITION OF CULTURE. WRITER OF MANY OTHER LITERARY WORKS.

4. KIM UCHANG: BORN IN MOKPO, KOREA ON DECEMBER 17, 1936. RECEIVED B.A. IN ENGLISH LITERATURE FROM SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, 1958; M.A. IN ENGLISH LITERATURE, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, 1961; PH.D. IN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY, 1975. PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, KOREA UNIVERSITY SINCE 1974; ASST PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN STUDIES, SUNY BAFFALO, 1970-72; INSTRUCTOR OF ENGLISH, SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, 1963-74. CO-EDITOR OF SELECTED MODERN AMERICAN AND BRITISH POETRY, WITH INTRODUCTION AND ANNOTATIONS, SEOUL 1968; AUTHOR OF THE POET IN TIME OF NEED: ESSAYS ON MODERN KOREAN LITERATURE UNCLASSIFIED

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(NOW IN PREPARATION FOR PUBLICATION IN FALL) AND MANY OTHER LITERARY ESSAYS.

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